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Thomas W. Libous Training Room Opens

Thanks to Senator Thomas W. Libous, BCC has a new state-of-the-art business training room.

For many years, Senator Libous has championed the Community Education ExCEL program (Excellence Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership) via member item funding. His initiatives allowed the College to provide low cost resources and education primarily for small businesses in our region.

What was needed was a corporate style training room in which to schedule ExCEL activities and other corporate training programs. Last year, the Senator secured funding that allowed BCC to develop an unused section of the Decker Health Science Center.

The new space includes boardroom-style furniture for presentational or discussion sessions; an overhead projection system for computer, VHS, and DVD equipment; whiteboard and a full ceiling to floor

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College President Donald A. Dellow and Senator Libous enjoy "opening day."



Anthony Brunelli a Presence at BCC in 2001

2001 is shaping up to be local artist Anthony Brunelli's year at BCC. The College recently purchased one of his original artworks, he is currently teaching in the Art program, and a dinner in March will celebrate his trips to Vietnam. So — maybe for 2001, BCC is "Brunelli's Community College."

If you're not familiar with Brunelli, chances are you haven't

been paying enough attention to the local art scene. Actually, that should be: the international art scene.

Although he lives and works in Binghamton, Brunelli is represented by the Louis K. Meisel Gallery in New York City. His photorealism oils (including dozens of Binghamton scenes) have been purchased by collectors around the world.

Last fall, the BCC Foundation funded purchase of "Lackawanna Morning," one of Brunelli's most celebrated works, as an addition to the College's Local Art Collection. The painting recently toured Asia in the show, "Outward Bound: American Art on the Brink of the Twenty-First Century." The tour was presented by the Meridian International

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BCC Plays Key Role in NYS Workforce Development Initiatives

Debra Morello, Director, Center for Community Education

Broome Community College continues to actively support the economic development of the region by participating in a variety of workforce development activities in the Southern Tier.

New York State's Workforce Development System has grown steadily over the past few years in Broome County and the College has continued to partner with service providers across the region such as the Department of Labor, and the Department of Social Services. The purpose of the partnerships is to assist individuals and companies alike in achieving success in their businesses.

New York State contributes 8% to the Gross Domestic Product of the country. To stay competitive with low-wage countries, yet maintain a solid standard of living, the State needs to develop and maintain skilled workers. This workforce is required to ensure productivity and most importantly, product and service quality.

Traditionally, agencies in the State and across the nation have operated from a "supply" perspective...sending forth workers with skills in a variety of areas. Now, that perspective is changing to one of "demand."

Broome Community College is well positioned for this shift. The college has continually looked to the community's businesses and industries to assess their needs and ensure that the College's offerings would address them. By planning strategically with a focus on a variety of "customers" including students, the corporate sector, and the community at large, the College has been prepared to offer courses in critical areas of need for business and industry. Many of these areas such as healthcare and technology combine theory and practice; a major thrust for community colleges across the country. In the past 3 years, areas on the BCC campus such as the Computer Studies Department have seen a marked increase in number of enrollees and have been prepared to offer these

students the latest offerings required such as object-oriented programming languages to equip them for the marketplace.

The College has also maintained that learning is a lifelong process and has committed numerous resources to this end. The BCC Center for Community Education meets with over thirty of the region's employers on a quarterly basis at Corporate Services Advisory Council meetings to discuss their workforce needs and their latest product lines. In addition, the Center's Director of Corporate Services talks with employers daily to develop short-term training and development offerings on a "just-in-time" basis. The Center manages over 150 contracts annually with local companies such as IBM, The Raymond Corporation, Lockheed

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DONALD A. DELLOW
BCC President

Martin, Universal Instruments, Sanmina, Security Mutual, and others to provide training in areas such as production control and inventory management, C++ and Java, team development, schematics reading, and ISO9000-2000. In addition, the Center works with numerous small companies, area non-profits and governmental agencies to support their workforce needs by offering courses on computer applications, customer service, diversity, and more.

Currently, as NYS works to "re-engineer" the way labor and economic services are delivered

to business and industry, BCC is committed to remain a strong partner. The College has brought its expertise to the process in a variety of ways. The Center for Community Education is working with the local workforce development board and other area providers to write a grant to provide high tech training to nine area companies. In the coming months, several more proposals will be developed for workforce training.

In addition, President Donald Dellow serves as an active member of the Local Workforce Development Board. Several members of the College are also involved in working with Board sub-committees in areas such as partnership, research and assessment, business development, and marketing. Dr. Dellow states "the future economic growth of our entire region is predicated on our College's ability to deliver well-trained, focused, and creative individuals to our area's corporate community and we will do everything possible to support this need."

On a state level, BCC was instrumental in the development of a state-wide database where individuals and companies alike can turn for resources such as training available in the Southern Tier. This database can be found on the NYS Workforce Development website at www.wdsny.org

As part of the Initiative, the ACCESS Center at the College has developed a Resource Room with comprehensive materials for job search, including a computer bank that connects to the Department of Labor and other providers. For details on using the Resource Room, you can contact the Center at 778-5210.

If you are interested in learning more about the State's Workforce Development Initiative, consult the website or call the BCC Center for Community Education at 778-5012. ♦



BCC's Most Valuable Recruiters: Happy Current Students

Every fall the Broome County Arena plays host to college representatives from all over the country attempting to recruit students to their institutions. BCC's Admissions Office routinely stages a BCC effort to remind area students of the advantages of starting their education locally. This fall, our effort was made easier as current students volunteered to sing the praises of BCC. ♦

Left to right: Student Trustee Jason Dean, Student Government President Karla Micalizzi, and student VP for Activities Krista Martinkovic.

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Radiologic Technology Program Welcomes 18 International Students

Nancy Button, Chair, Radiologic Technology Department

BCC's Radiologic Technology program went international in 2000. Local students (to date, the overwhelming percentage of Rad Tech students) were joined by eighteen students from five Central and Caribbean countries.

For many years, BCC has participated in a federally

Jamaica, El Salvador and Guatemala.

In preparation for the new world we were about to enter, last July, fellow teacher Jane Lozier and I visited Guatemala and the Dominican Republic to better understand the health care delivery systems. We visited numerous rural hospitals and clinics in order to see the

intensive courses in English as a Second Language and for the first year students live with American host families in order to increase their language skills and adjustment to American culture. CASS students will also continue to develop as leaders through participation in community activities during their stay. Students will obtain their



BCC Professor Nancy Button (far right) watches as new CASS students experiment in x-ray positioning class.

sponsored program called the Cooperative Association of States for Scholarships (CASS), administered by Georgetown University.

The CASS program has two major goals. First, to provide participants with the most appropriate technical and academic training and experiences available. Secondly, to return the students to their countries with the necessary personal and professional skills to contribute as agents of change through the social and economic development of their families, communities, and countries.

For ten years, BCC's involvement in CASS has been limited to a Quality Assurance program.

All that changed when last summer, BCC was invited to offer its Radiologic Technology program to students from the Dominican Republic, Honduras,

facilities and review the technical training needs. Most of the facilities were poorly equipped, under funded and had x-ray equipment in disrepair or underutilized due to lack of qualified technologists or materials. Both countries have desperate need for quality health care and trained professionals. The visitation team admired the technologists and health care workers who endure very difficult work conditions including the risk of excessive exposure to radiation. The CASS program will dramatically improve the quality of the health care systems in the participating countries.

CASS students undergo a rigorous selection process in their home countries. Students were chosen not only for their ability to succeed academically, but also for their leadership qualities. Initially, students take

necessary clinical experience in Lourdes Hospital and United Health Services Hospitals.

When these students complete their studies at BCC, becoming qualified radiographers, they will be ready to return home and help change health care delivery in their countries.

These CASS students demonstrate a strong commitment to their studies, a desire to contribute to their home countries and a desire to be x-ray professionals. These dedicated young people demonstrate a contagious enthusiasm for life and a strong desire to learn. While CASS will change their lives forever, this international program will equally enrich the lives of the BCC students, community members and faculty members with whom they interact. ♦

Campus News and Faculty Notes

• In the fall of 2000, the campus community honored four outstanding faculty and staff with the State University of New York Chancellor's Awards.

The 1999-2000 Chancellor's Awards were presented to **Nancy Button**, Chairperson of the Radiologic Technology program and **Ben Kasper**, Professor of Social Science, who earned Excellence in Teaching Awards intended to recognize superior teaching at the undergraduate, graduate, or professional level; **Linda Mapes**, Staff Associate to the Dean of Applied Sciences, who earned the award for Excellence in Professional Service created to recognize extraordinary professional achievement and to encourage the continuation of excellence; and **Deborah Spanfeller**, who was presented with the award for Excellence in Librarianship which recognizes extraordinary professional achievement in the field of librarianship.

Recipients were nominated and selected by their peers on campus, endorsed by BCC president Dr. Donald Dellow, and then forwarded for final review and approval to the State University of New York Office of the Chancellor.

• **James L. Antonakos** of the Electrical Engineering Technology department and **Kenneth C. Mansfield, Jr.** of the Computer Studies department recently saw the publication of their 11th book together. The title of the text is *Personal Computer Hardware and Troubleshooting*, published by Prentice Hall. James and Ken are both 1981 graduates of the Electrical Engineering Technology program.

• Last October the Owego Treadway Inn was the site of a northeast regional conference on "Women and Addiction." Over the past two years, a committee composed of several BCC faculty, **Mary McCarthy**, **Margherita Rossi**, and **Jackie Shrader**, along with faculty and staff from Binghamton University and several other community agencies, met to plan a conference which addressed issues specific to women's addiction. SAMSHA

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Service-Learning Opportunities Expanded via National Grant

Ben Kasper, Professor, Social Sciences Department

Each year there are increasing opportunities for BCC students to engage in community experiences as part of their program of study. And, this semester, a national grant is putting BCC students in local schools as tutors and mentors.

The initiative is called Service-Learning and it is now a vital component of the college mission.

The accepted definition of service-learning is, "A method whereby participants learn and develop through active participation in thoughtfully organized service that is conducted in and meets the needs of a community, helps foster civic responsibility and is integrated into and enhances the academic curriculum of the participants."

This semester, BCC is one of ten institutions selected from across the country to receive grant funding from the American Association of Community Colleges to promote service-learning.

The goals of the grant are to expand service-learning opportunities for students and to expand the number of courses with a service-learning component. Since service-learning is most effective when it is integrated into course objectives, BCC has

identified several courses which lend themselves to experiential learning.

Many local agencies (Roberson Center, Broome Developmental, elected officials' offices, etc.) have accepted student interns from BCC courses such as Public Affairs, Social Problems, and American Government.

Also, this semester, BCC, in conjunction with Binghamton University and the Binghamton School District, will be a partner in the Gear Up program. This program is designed to provide tutors and mentors to students in grades 7 and 8 and assist them in learning math and English. BCC students who expect to major in education will be encouraged to participate in the program at East and West Middle Schools.

There are also tentative plans to develop community partnerships with the Broome County Office of the Aging and Action for Older Persons for students who wish to engage in a service-learning component working with senior citizens.

There will also be an opportunity for students to teach computer skills at the Broome Urban League.

Via Service-Learning, everyone benefits. Agencies enjoy the extra help and BCC students learn by doing. ♦

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(Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) awarded the committee full funding to implement the project.

There were 350-400 conference attendees from around the country. Keynote speakers included Lisa Najavits, PhD, Assoc. Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, and Patrick Carnes, PhD, Clinical Director for Sexual Disorders Services at The Meadows in Arizona.

- The Mechanical Engineering Technology (MET) Department has successfully launched a

new Cooperative Education initiative with the placement of six MET students into various co-op positions within several local companies for the Spring 2001 semester. These part-time, paid positions will provide students valuable work experience directly related to their field of study.

- This year's senior nursing students participated in: CHOW, Toys for Tots, distributing "Care" bears on pediatric units, sending coats to Native Americans in South Dakota, selling stethoscopes with proceeds going to Mom's

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Students Receive Senator Libous Community Service Scholarships

Each year Senator Thomas W. Libous presents the Student Community Service Awards. The award — a major scholarship — is given to area high school seniors who plan on attending either BCC or BU and who made significant service contributions to their community. The selections are made at each high school.

Last October, Senator Libous came to BCC to co-host, with BCC President Donald Dellow, a luncheon honoring the award recipients.

In the photo above, left to right (excluding the two tall males): Senator Libous, Daniela Hernandez, Denise Malagari, Nicole Wilkes, Linda Sprague, Amber Joi Scarinzi, Karen Brigham, Jessica Rennells, BCC President Donald Dellow. In back: Adam DeVoe and John Tomazin.

BCC Business Students Learn to Manage Campus Projects

BCC students in the Business Information Technology curriculum have a new elective called "Project Management."

Most students enter the course with only the vaguest idea of what it is. The catalog says the course prepares students "in planning, organizing, and executing the steps in project management. Students will develop teamwork and time management skills to carry a project through its life cycle."

Many of the projects the students have worked on have been Common Hour recreational programs presented to cafeteria audiences. Class members work

with Dave Maslar, Director of Student Activities and the campus administrator responsible for Common Hour presentations.

The class is divided into two teams, each having a team leader. Dave explains what kinds of things can be done for a project and gives each team a date for completion of the project. Some of our projects included such things as team trivia, psychic fair, fashion show, karaoke for charities, and remote live broadcast.

Once the teams select their projects, the work begins! They are responsible for planning,

organizing, controlling, and executing the project. Students learn quickly enough that teamwork is very important — that they need to cooperate with one another and to communicate clearly. The students use Microsoft Project to prepare GANTT and PERT charts to include in their final reports and in their project notebooks.

One of the most important parts of this course is that the teams connect their projects to a charity. The students have donated food, clothing, and money to various charities as well as donating money to people with illness or other hardship. ♦

Leading the Way in Fall Sports: Soccer Teams Win Conference Titles

Dan Minch, Athletic Director

The BCC men's and women's soccer teams combined for 31 wins and captured two Mid-State Athletic Conference Championships to lead the way for Broome's athletics teams in the fall of 2000.

The BCC women's soccer team set a school record by posting a 16-3-1 season. The Lady Hornets captured their third straight Mid-State Athletic Conference Championship. Coach Bill Rich was named Conference "Coach of the Year" for the second straight year. BCC athletes gained honors as Amy Skrzypek, Liz Skrzypek, Becky Smith and Michelle Erbe gained All-Conference and All-Region honors. Amy Skrzypek was named "Player of the Year" in the Mid-State Athletic Conference. Amy also was named Honorable Mention All-American. The Lady Hornets overall two-year record of 31-5-2 has propelled the BCC program into the forefront of Region III Division III women's soccer.

The BCC men's soccer team

recorded a 15-win 4-loss season on their way to winning their fourth Mid-State Athletic Conference Championship. Coach Al LaBarbera was named Conference "Coach of the Year." The Hornets advanced to the Final Four of the Regional Tournament only to suffer a 0-1 loss to Mohawk Valley. The Hornets dominated the Mid-State Athletic All-Conference team. Leading the way was All-Conference "Player of the Year" Jamile Green. Green also was named to the All-Region and All-American teams. He was joined on the All-Region team by teammates Reilly Buckley and Bryan Homsher. These three plus Jon Ousterout, Rob Diaz, Kwasi VanScoy and Tim DellaVecchia dominated the All-Conference team. The Hornets were constantly ranked in the top ten on the National poll throughout the season.

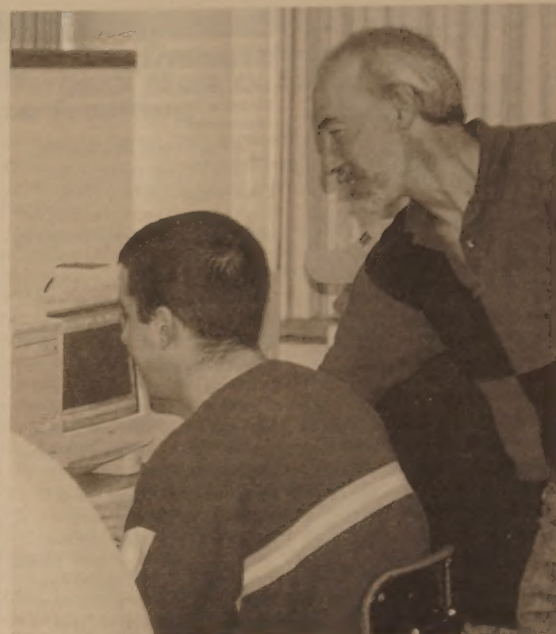
VOLLEYBALL

The BCC women's volleyball team finished the season with a 16-11-3 record. Under BCC alumnus Dawn Kenyon, the

program continues to improve each year. This fall Coach Kenyon put together a very competitive and determined team. The BCC volleyballers advanced to the Regional tournament and finished in fifth place, a very respectable showing for the young team. Broome athletes Christine Halstead and Kasey Creveling gained All-Conference and All-Region honors as they led the Lady Hornets throughout the entire fall campaign. Coach Kenyon is looking forward to next year and is in the process of recruiting to continue to improve the BCC program.

CROSS-COUNTRY

On the cross-country scene, Coach Tom Carter had some respectable individual performances from his team members. Caleb Smith who returned from a car accident to finish the season strong led the men's team. Laura Doolittle led the women's team throughout the season. Coach Carter is working on his recruiting and planning for next year. ♦



20% of BCC Faculty Teaching On-Line

Just a few short years ago, teaching a course "on-line" via the Internet was a true novelty. But this is no longer the case.

In fact, BCC has developed 66 on-line courses, taught by 38 faculty members, 31 of whom are full-time faculty. It all adds up to 20% of the full-time faculty as cyberspace professors! And that number should be growing in the very near future as the SUNY Learning Network (our "window" for on-line courses) becomes even bigger.

BCC is part of a consortium of 42 SUNY institutions that joined together to offer graduate and undergraduate online courses through the SUNY Learning Network (SLN). SLN has grown to be one of the world's leading providers of higher education distance learning, expected to hit a new record this spring with more than 20,000 enrollments, showing remarkable growth from the 119 students enrolled just 5 years ago. BCC has been involved in this project since the fall of 1997 when we offered 4 courses in the Human Services program. This spring we are offering 37 courses on-line, from many of our programs including office technologies, business, marketing, early education, engineering,

health care management, history, human services, math, physical sciences, psychology and sociology.

The convenience factor of on-line learning is desirable to many of our traditional students as well as working adults, parents and caregivers, housebound individuals, commuters and people living in remote areas, employees who travel or have irregular hours, high school students wanting to earn college credit, and anyone with a busy schedule.

How can you see what a course looks like?

Point your browser to <http://sln.suny.edu>, click on "Student Information," and then "View Sample Course." ♦

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tackable wall; provisions for wireless laptop use; and, of course, a kitchen area (fresh coffee is still needed amidst all the modern classroom elements).

The room officially opened on October 26, 2000 at an "Appreciation of Senator Thomas W. Libous" event. Many area businesspeople and college officials gathered to salute Libous for his efforts on our behalf and to inspect the new room.

BCC Board of Trustees President Nicholas Serafini announced that the Finance and Facilities Committee of the Trustees had made a naming recommendation to the full Board of Trustees which was unanimously accepted. Serafini read from the Committee's minutes:

Senator Thomas W. Libous has obtained a generous member-item to finish construction and furnish a space on the first floor of the

Decker Health Science Building. The space will be used by ExCEL and Community Education for corporate-style meetings.

To recognize his continuing interest in, and support of, BCC — and, in particular, of the college's business and corporate training efforts — this Trustee Committee recommends that the new Decker Center space be named "The Thomas W. Libous Training Room."

To a round of applause the room was named and ready for business.

In his comments, the Senator congratulated BCC on its years of service to our area; he was particularly complimentary towards the ExCEL program he helps fund, and to the new room for business training.

"The ExCEL program at Broome Community College has been a huge success since we started it back in 1994. By encouraging the development and growth of small businesses in our communities, ExCEL has

played an important part in the economic rebirth of the Southern Tier. I'm confident that it will continue to serve as a valuable resource for local small business owners and employees for many years to come, and it will continue to earn my support."

The Libous Training Room has been used to host Entrepreneurial Society meetings, ExCEL Advisory Council meetings, a meeting of the Southern Tier Professional Development Consortium, and a Train the Trainer course.

This spring a variety of courses are scheduled for the new space: *Small Business Certificate Series*, *Venture Capital Opportunities*, *How to Start a Consulting Business*, and over a dozen other ExCEL courses. For information about these upcoming programs, interested readers may call the ExCEL office at 778-5341. ♦

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Era of Retirements Begins at BCC

Between September 2000 and August 2001, twelve long-time and well known BCC teachers are retiring. This larger-than-usual number of faculty retirements heralds an era of retirements at the College.

The College enjoyed a major student population growth in the late 1960s and early '70s. That growth was accompanied by the hiring of large numbers of new faculty members; most stayed and enjoyed successful careers at BCC. Now, thirty years later, these teachers are beginning to retire. Some will continue teaching on a part-time basis, some will begin other careers, and many will enjoy the freedoms of retirement. All of them will be missed.

To honor these retirees, *BCC News* asked friends and colleagues to write about them. No specific direction was given; writers were free to style their salutes as they saw fit. ♦

YOU CAN SEND A MESSAGE...

All alumni wishing to send a retirement message to any of the teachers featured on these pages are encouraged to do so.

It's very easy; all of these teachers will retain their BCC computer accounts; they can be reached, via email, at the following addresses:

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 croll_c@sunybroome.edu
 dixon_a@sunybroome.edu
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Student, Friend, Teacher Salutes Alan Dixon

James Antonakos, Professor, Electrical Engineering Technology Department

February 1968. That was the date 33 years ago that Alan Dixon began teaching in the Electrical Engineering Technology department at Broome Community College.

During his long career at BCC, Alan has sent thousands of graduates into industry. Many keep in touch with him, offer jobs to recent graduates, or donate equipment. The EET department continues to be enriched by its association with Alan's graduates.

In fact, Alan's influence on some students changed their lives in profound ways. Many former students eventually became teachers themselves, some even joining the EET department. Others have written books, started their own companies, or evolved into designers, programmers, and consultants.

Alan also took hundreds of students on his famous IEEE Club class trips to New York City, Washington, DC, Boston, and other cities. The IEEE Club is the student branch of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, a club that flourished during "Alan's days." Many of the students had never left the Triple Cities until their IEEE class trip.

As an engineering technology educator, Alan incorporated each new technology into the classroom. From transistors, to integrated circuits, microprocessors, computer networking, and the world-wide web, Alan taught

himself and others the details and applications of each emerging technology. The halls and classrooms of the EET department are filled with circuits that flash colorful lights and perform other exotic electronic stunts. These circuits are a reflection of this NYS Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching winner's teaching philosophy, to engage the student in an interesting application of technology.

He began leading the EET department during the move from the old Electrical building to the new Applied Technology building. This was a difficult time for the department. The senior students missed many weeks of lab work because lab equipment had been moved to the new AT building but the labs were not ready for occupancy yet. Through Alan's leadership, a solution was found and the students were able to make up the missed lab work and graduate on time.

Alan's many friends on campus agree that he was always very involved with campus life, serving on committees, working with faculty in other departments, and generally using his influence to improve the educational experience.

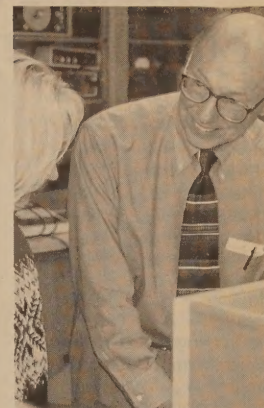
When not at school, he can be found helping a friend with a computer problem, cleaning another friend's pool, or building a deck somewhere in NY or PA. He may also be playing with his dog and cat, visiting his parents, planning a Boy Scout event, or just having a nice glass of red wine. Indeed, if Alan Dixon is known for anything outside of the classroom,

it's for his enormous generosity to friends. "Don't worry about a thing. I'll come right over and fix it!" is a comment all of his friends have heard at least once.

On a personal note, I was one of the students fortunate enough to get caught up in Alan's enthusiasm. In 1978, my second year at BCC, I was ready to drop out due to poor grades and lack of interest in the degree program my high school guidance counselor thought I should pursue. I walked over to the Electrical building and asked "Who teaches about computers in the EET department?" I was introduced to Alan, who listened to my sob story and to my request to enroll in the EET program. Alan recommended that I stick it out and not quit the program I was in.

It was the only time I didn't take his advice. I entered the EET program, in the Spring of 1978, taking a 3rd semester Digital Electronics course taught by Alan. The 'A' I earned that semester changed my outlook on college. I felt successful. In the Fall of 1979 I began as an EET freshman, earning more 'A's and gaining more confidence, along with Alan's friendship.

During my senior year I decided I really wanted a 4-year degree. So, in addition to my full EET course load, I went back to my original department (OK, it was Engineering Science) and took several courses (Calculus, Statics, and Dynamics) so I could transfer them and finish my 4-year degree early.



Alan Dixon helps one more student understand the world of electronic circuits.

By the time I graduated from the EET department, I was asking Alan if he wanted to write a book together. Over the next three years, while I attended RIT, Alan and I wrote our first book. Now, 16 years later, I've written 33 more, been a Professor in the EET department since joining it in 1984, and am working on my Ph.D. dissertation in Computer Science.

I don't know what my life would have been like if I had never met Alan Dixon. I would have probably ended up being an unemployed something or another. But we did meet, my life is wonderful because of him, and I'll miss him terribly when he leaves.

At least I'll drop by for a glass of wine from time to time. ■

Charles Croll Recognized for Energy and Dedication

Margherita Rossi, Chair, Psychology, Education, and Human Services

Charles Croll, a professor in the Psychology, Education, and Human Services Department, retired in December 2000 after 33 years of service to the college and its students.

Professor Croll began his career at BCC in 1967 as part of the Cecil Tyrrell administration and recalls having breakfast every day for three years with the first president of the College, a man Croll credits with having a bold vision for BCC and its educational mission. He describes President Tyrrell as "one of the most influential role models for my educational life."

Faculty, administrators, staff, and students who have taught, worked, and learned with Professor Croll recognize that, like President Tyrrell, he, too, is a scholar of vision, a man of ideas, and a believer in the power of education.

Over the years, many have witnessed Professor Croll's personal and professional dedication as he explored, learned, and built on the strengths of BCC — its faculty, students, and educational programs. His energy was surpassed only by his commitment to the College and its mission; he contributed to the life of the campus in myriad ways that will have lasting impact.

The existing Psychology, Education, and Human Services department was shaped in both quality and direction by Professor Croll who, in 1980, initiated a program emphasis in Liberal Arts: the Mental Health option. For ten years, he created a strong identity for the program and expanded and developed its offerings.

Today, the program (now known as Human Services) is one of the largest degree programs on the campus, with hundreds, if not



Charles Croll was often found between classes giving advice to his students.

thousands, of alumni who will remember Professor Croll as a challenging instructor, inspirational mentor, and driving force in their major program.

Dedicated to strengthening students' educational experiences, Professor Croll was an innovative teacher.

He was one of the earliest proponents of service-learning outside the classroom via student internships. A pioneer in using new instructional technologies to enhance teaching and learning, he offered one of the first telecourses between PBS and BCC. With the

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Retiree Bill Beston Heads for New Career in Washington DC

Thomas Grace, Chair, Engineering Science Department

After 32 years at BCC, popular engineering professor William Beston is now in Washington, DC working with the National Science Foundation. With his teaching experience and subject matter expertise, Bill should be very comfortable in his second career.

When I came to the college 13 years ago, he was my chairperson. What a great role model of hard work and dedication Bill was!

He routinely took whatever time was necessary to help students with their studies, advisement needs, and even personal problems. Never did Bill rush a student out of the office because he was overdue for his own personal agenda. This encouraging, motivating teacher always put his students' needs first.

During his distinguished career, Bill:

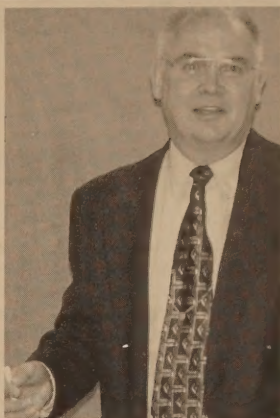
- received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching
- served as Chair of the Engineering Science Department
- served as Dean of Applied Sciences
- was an early and enthusiastic supporter of distance learning (on-line courses) and the SUNY Learning Network
- was an active member of the Two Year Engineering Science Association
- organized and advised the first student chapter at BCC of the American Society of Engineering Educators. And, each year, the ASSEE held contests to determine which engineering students were the best at project designs. Under Bill's advisorship, the BCC students often won, usually placed, and were always a threat.

In addition to his professional responsibilities Bill always found time for two other loves: wrestling and soccer.

For 17 years he coached BCC's varsity wrestling team. Off campus, he was long-time soccer coach for the Kattelville Athletic Association.

We will all miss Bill Beston, the determined educational innovator, encouraging us all to improve everything we do at BCC. But, on a personal note, I will miss Bill the mentor and exemplar. I will miss our professional and personal conversations, his humor and insight, and all the times we spent together — especially the many conferences we attended together.

I am confident that the National Science Foundation is lucky to have him on their team. ■



Bill Beston leads one last class at BCC.

Roger McVannan Enjoys "Change of Working Status"

George Higginbottom, Dean, Liberal Arts

After 32 years of teaching and administrative work at BCC, Roger McVannan has "retired."

For nearly 25 years Roger has performed the duties of Assistant to the Dean of Liberal Arts and Human Services, attending to the myriad tasks associated with academic advisement, student records, and graduation certification. He has advised thousands of students and, in his painstaking attention to detail, has saved hundreds from costly scheduling errors and curricular missteps.

Conscientious and exact in performing his duties, Roger's work ethic is much admired by his colleagues; they have always turned to him for expert assistance with student advisement problems and for up-to-date information on all aspects of academic standards. As Acting Registrar in the mid-'80s, his characteristic concern for service to students and attention to detail brought the college through a difficult transition.

Roger brings to his teaching the same dedication, seeking constantly to keep his Sociology classes fresh and relevant to his students' lives. I, especially, am aware of how seriously he takes his responsibility to nurture and develop his students' research and writing skills. For 32 years, in every course he has taught, Roger has required term papers, and he has labored carefully over these essays term after term to provide clear, detailed feedback, which is at the heart of effective teaching.

Over the course of his BCC career, Roger has taught a variety of courses, from sociology and social problems to geography and history. And, as our Communications program grew in scale and complexity, Roger introduced courses in media, building upon his lifelong fascination with radio broadcasting and sharing his enthusiasm with his students. A demanding instructor, Roger's close attention to deadlines and details, aimed at inducting future communications professionals into the rigors of the studio and newsroom, have frequently been cited by graduates as formative and invaluable.

As is the case with most of us who take our jobs seriously, Roger has interests and attributes that are

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Nursing Department's Barbara Marckx Says Good-bye to Teaching

Claire Ligeikis-Clayton, Chair, Nursing Department

She came to BCC as a part-time teacher in 1979. And now, 21 years later, full-time professor Barbara Marckx retires from BCC's Nursing Department.

Barbara has taught in almost every area of the nursing program. She has taught both freshmen and seniors and willingly taught many different content areas, including fundamentals, medical-surgical, obstetric, pediatric and psychiatric nursing. Barbara received a Master of Science Degree in Nursing from the University of Colorado. In 1993 she obtained a second Master's Degree in Psychiatric Nursing from Syracuse University so that she would be better qualified to teach students psychiatric nursing concepts. She has, additionally, attended countless educational programs to keep abreast of the field of nursing education. These undertakings demonstrate Barbara's commitment not only to our nursing department but also to the needs of our nursing community.

Barbara has gone above and beyond the call of duty in her role as educator at BCC. She served on a multitude of departmental and college-wide committees. She developed a department philosophy of caring so that we could assist students in realizing that caring is a paramount ingredient in our nursing profession. She applied this concept by working with a local nursing home to develop a nursing theory-based model for caring for dementia patients. Barbara was also a primary contributor in the revision of our nursing curriculum which now focuses on health promotion, assessment and critical thinking strategies to enhance nursing. She



Barbara Marckx (left) teaches one more nursing student the correct procedures.

was a pioneer in involving BCC in a national grant giving our students management/leadership experiences in long term care facilities.

Barbara is recognized as a leader in nursing education, presenting many workshops nationally on the profession of nursing and nursing education. She is a co-editor of a book published by the National League for Nursing Press on nursing education in Associate Degree Programs. She is also a faculty member of Regents College School of Nursing and has been an adjunct professor at the baccalaureate level for Syracuse University.

What is so very special about Barbara and her commitment to nursing is that she has persevered and tried to better the profession despite the personal obstacles of the tragic death of her son and a recent fight with breast cancer. Barbara is a 6-year survivor of breast cancer and says, "I have always regarded my dear friends on campus, and the nursing faculty in particular, as important support persons who have made survival possible." She is a testimony to the power of positive thinking and serves as a role model to us all. Her personal obstacles have given her a unique perspective and therefore she has a great sensitivity to others.

In preparation for retirement she has developed and taught an on-line pharmacology course for nursing students because of her belief in the pedagogy of distance learning. In fact, in "official" retirement, she hopes to be teaching more distance learning courses in the future.

In both her position at BCC as a professor (receiving the Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence) and her role as a national leader in nursing education, she has touched the lives of thousands of patients, nurses and students locally and globally. The Nursing Department sadly says good-bye to Barbara and feels a tremendous loss as she leaves us. ■

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advent of other forms of distance learning, namely internet courses, Croll was an early adopter and refiner of on-line instruction for the psychology department. Whatever the medium, Professor Croll impressed students and colleagues with the integrity of his courses, the enthusiasm with which he taught them, and the breadth and depth of his knowledge.

Beyond teaching, Professor Croll's influence on the life of the campus and community is also significant.

He served on numerous key campus committees over the years, most notably and with distinction, as President of the Faculty Association and the College Council; in both capacities, his leadership and proactivism led to the betterment of the campus environment. In the community, Professor Croll has

served on several boards including the Foster Grandparent Program, the Chenango Forks School, and the Town of Chenango Board. Currently serving as the Deputy Supervisor for the Town of Chenango, Professor Croll has plans to become more fully invested in the local community and its political life during his retirement from education.

It is clear that the Psychology, Education, and Human Services department is on the right course in the new millennium because of Professor Croll's influence.

The occasion of his retirement is cause for us to honor his achievements as an educator, innovator, activist, mentor, colleague, and friend. We are prepared to move forward in new ways due to his legacy of accomplishment. And we are challenged to match his dedication and commitment and to build on the groundwork he has laid. ■

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BUSINESS DEPARTMENT LOSES 4 VETERAN PROFESSORS

Co-written by: Jo Van Wely, Dean of Business; Richard Behr, Chair of Business; and Business Professor Thomas De Celle

Tom Rossi

Tom Rossi believes being a teacher is an awesome responsibility as well as a rewarding experience. In the quarter century he has made BCC his home, Tom has served on innumerable committees both within the Business Division and campus-wide, held the position of department chair, and initiated many special projects.

During his tenure as department chairman in the late 1970s and early 1980s, BCC was confronted with the dual challenges of increasing enrollment and a rapid change in business technology. Tom's leadership helped the department modify its curriculum to meet the challenges of new technology and to serve both traditional students and the employees of local business and industry.

As academic departments increased their responsibility for the continuing education of employees of local businesses, Tom helped the business department make this transition through the expansion of course offerings and a program redesign for part-time students pursuing a degree.

After his stint as department chair Tom returned to the classroom as a generalist. He thrives on the challenge of something new and his diversity of knowledge enabled him to teach a variety of courses over the years. The word "generalist" fits Tom — you name it, he has taught it: accounting, business law, economics, introduction to business, management, marketing, finance, leadership, humanities — to name only the most prominent.

Another faculty member noted that Professor Rossi was "awesome" in his preparation for teaching his courses. Tom reads the daily newspaper and uses today's issues in tomorrow's class discussion. He requires his students to write, sometimes journal, and be "business literate." He has high standards for his students and serves himself as a standard for his peers.

Tom is also noted for his activities in professional organizations, most notably the Association of Marketing Educators where he has held a variety of offices. He quite often schedules his summer trips to coincide with national conferences and keeps up to date on businesses "gurus."

Tom Rossi has both a tangible and intangible legacy at BCC. The tangible includes a display of paintings, artifacts, and photographs which make up "A Business History of the Southern Tier," a permanent display on the second floor of the Business Building. This project is one of Tom's proudest contributions to BCC.

Less tangible, but probably more significant, is how Tom has touched students' lives via his joy in teaching — and the learning that results from it.

Luckily for us, Tom will continue to teach part-time at BCC. He and wife Leslie will run their bed and breakfast (Pickle Hill) and travel. "Retirement" will also allow Tom to increase his lay preaching activities.

And lastly, Tom is also noted for the messiest desk on campus — but Professor Rossi is not your typical absent-minded professor, since he knows where everything is! ■

Wayne Lockwood

Wayne Lockwood first came to BCC as a student in the '60s.

After that, he went south to Florida State where he earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. He later went on for an M.B.A. at the University of Scranton. In 1969, Wayne was "welcomed back" to BCC as a faculty member.

And now, after 32 years, he retires in May.

Over the years, Wayne has had many instructional assignments, but he is certainly best known for teaching marketing and advertising. He could entertain his students or yell at them when they needed it, but they all loved his classes. They also learned a great deal about marketing and its importance in modern society. In fact, many developed so much interest in marketing that they went on to advanced degrees and/or careers in marketing.

Wayne has always been a big sports fan. At BCC, he has been able to combine his love for sports with his dedication to students by coaching some of our teams. He coached soccer many years ago, but is best known for his years as golf coach. He has been "Coach Lockwood" since 1975 and has led the golf team to an impressive record. With a total of nine Regional titles and finishes as high as second (1991) in the National Championships, Coach Lockwood has compiled one of the winningest records amongst the northern junior colleges. He has also been voted the regional "coach of the year" four times.

Wayne has also served for many years as the Department of Business Coordinator of Academic Advisement. As the head advisor, he eventually got to know most Business students. He is passionate about giving them the best possible advice and acting as their advocate when they run into problems. A lot of students will remember Wayne because he was the one who helped them or gave them a break when no one else would.

When he retires, Wayne plans to continue as BCC golf coach, at least for a while. He is also thinking about eventually working at a golf course, either in the area or down south. If past history is any indicator, he'll also end up back in the horse racing business.

Wayne has touched a lot of lives in his years at BCC. His dedication and hard work for the students is a one in a million kind of thing. Everyone will miss him, but especially the students. ■



The Business Division won't be the same without (l. to r.): Tom Rossi, Adam Younker, and Wayne Lockwood. (Ken Sanford was not available for this photo session.)

Adam Younker

Adam Younker joined the Business Division in September 1970.

In his first years, Adam taught a wide spectrum of business courses. Drawing on his previous employment in marketing research at Bethlehem Steel he was able to bring the real world business experience into the classroom. As the years progressed Adam focused on his main passion for business law and became one of the department's primary teachers in this important and required area of the curriculum.

He was very active in the American Business Law Association where he held a variety of offices. Interestingly, Adam's interest in law must have rubbed off on his daughter Michelle, a BCC graduate; Michelle is currently a practicing attorney.

In thirty years of teaching, Professor Younker has given over 7,000 students a thorough grounding in how law relates to business and life and vice versa. He worked constantly to improve the quality of his courses and of the full curricula. One of his academic interests was helping students who were experiencing difficulty with the coursework. He was an effective promoter of BCC's Learning Assistance Center and his efforts in this area helped develop an excellent supplemental instruction program for his law course and a campus-wide tutoring program. Student success was and is one of his primary goals.

If you ask his fellow teachers about Adam they always comment on his dedication to BCC and to his many interests outside of BCC: metal detection and collection; gardening; bee-keeping and honey; and, most recently, making beeswax candles and other products. He is always doing something interesting and can elaborate enthusiastically about his new efforts. He brings this same enthusiasm into the classroom.

Adam won't really be leaving the classroom. He and wife Sandra will be migrating to a new home in southwest Florida. He is planning to teach future Floridian entrepreneurs part-time at the local community college and will continue trying new things. We will have to learn about his new adventures via e-mail or letter. He certainly will be missed by his colleagues and past and current students. ■

Ken Sanford

Several years ago the college's business department had a series of luncheons with local businesspeople. One speaker, a very successful local entrepreneur, opened his remarks with thanks to Professor Kenneth Sanford.

He noted that Professor Sanford had been his favorite teacher at BCC and that he took as many courses as possible with Ken. After BCC, the speaker transferred to Cornell and said he entered that institution knowing twice as much as his regular students and it was all Ken's doing. And, lastly, the businessman periodically hired Ken as a business consultant.

Professor Sanford started his teaching career at BCC in January 1969; he retired in September 2000. His teaching standards and expectations were high. Long before general education and critical thinking became the academic themes of the day, Ken Sanford was focusing on these areas as course objectives. He consistently created an environment that allowed his students to challenge themselves in their search for information. When you completed a course with Professor Sanford there was a definite feeling of accomplishment. Able to teach most business courses, Ken had "specialized" in his last decade in business law, management, and business finance, helping to create a new generation of entrepreneurs.

In his personal life, Ken was very interested in active sports. He always returned from the Christmas break with a skiing tan and was a member of the Greek Peak Ski Patrol.

At last report he was windsurfing in Hawaii... ■

The Angelo Zuccolo Theater Era Comes to a Close

Charles Quagliata, VP Student and Community Affairs

Thirty years ago the BCC Student Center included a nondescript, perfectly functional auditorium in which plays were occasionally presented. Then Angelo Zuccolo accepted a position teaching theater — and everything changed forever.

Today, the Little Theatre is a cozy, off-Broadway-style "black box" of a theater. The changes were gradual: a thrust stage built one year, new lights another, director's booth, seat reconfiguration, new paint. Everything was directed by the energetic, determined, one-person theater department: Mr. Zuccolo.

Angelo's rethinking of the way the BCC Little Theatre looked was just the surface part of his story. Changing what went on there was the real agenda. He directed modern, existential, and absurdist dramas during a time when no one else in the area did. From Beckett to Ionesco to Shepard to Mamet — all to BCC.

His students loved the way he challenged them and his loyal audiences always came out to a Zuccolo production.

Former student David Maslar is currently a theater major at SUNY Stony Brook. "He let us take chances — no, he made us take chances. We were exposed to great playwrights and he let us sink our teeth into them. I'll always owe Mr. Zuccolo a lot," said Maslar.

And, after 30 years of teaching everything about acting and production to hundreds of aspiring actors (and just as many students who wanted only to expand their horizons), Zuccolo decided to take



David Sterling tells another class about the trees on the BCC campus.

one final bow and retire.

If it's true that actors never really die, that their spirits haunt the theaters of their greatest triumphs, then the Little Theatre will someday play host to Angelo Zuccolo forever. No one who ever saw Angelo in "Waiting for Godot," will forget it ... or his direction of "Ashes" or "Of Mice and Men" ... or his Italian bawdy comedies, loaded with enough schtick to sink a gondola ... or anything he did by Ionesco ... or his delightful curtain speeches ... and the list goes on.

However, that haunting won't happen for quite some time. The forever young and vibrant Angelo plans to seek acting opportunities in his hometown of Providence, Rhode Island, and, of course, in NYC. We should keep our eyes out for him. This smart, inventive actor is yet to be fully heard from.

In the meantime, if it can ever be said that An Era Has Ended, it is now. Angelo Zuccolo defined theater at BCC, and that definition will be greatly missed. ■

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David Sterling Called "a BCC Institution"

Richard Firenze, Professor of Biology

Zen philosophy informs us that in order to move forward in life you must look, not just in front of you, but around you.

For more than four decades Professor David K. Sterling has encouraged his students and his colleagues to do just that. By incorporating and integrating diverse and seemingly disparate topics into his classes — ranging from classical painting to exquisite parasites; from cilia to Swedish fairy tales; from music to mitochondria; from eastern art to western arachnids; and from ornithology to origami — David is not content to merely teach his students, but strives to reach his students.

This may entail something as elaborate as a cross-country field trip or as simple as a pancake breakfast at his home. He has always asked his students to think critically and creatively; to respect, yet question, authority; and to marvel, as he does, at this wondrous thing we call LIFE. His introductory biology course, a course that has been his *raison d'être* for most of his tenure at the College, is considered by students to be a true mind-building experience.

Ever encouraging our campus to develop an international flavor, David has personally introduced us to Japanese flower arranging, East European basket making, and delightful Andean music. He is oftentimes sighted traipsing about the campus, students in tow, in an attempt to balance the Feng Shui of the BCC ecosystem with his colorful series of botanical plantings. Never a slave to fashion, David exposed the campus and community to the kilt and the expedition hat long before Mel Gibson bared his legs as Braveheart or Harrison Ford recovered the Ark.

Simply put, David Sterling is a BCC institution.

As we travel down this road of life, some of us are fortunate enough to be exposed to, and have associations with, those who choose to march to the beat of a different drummer. Although David is now officially retired from BCC, all of us who have been fortunate enough to have an association with this fine gentleman can ask of him only two things: first, please do not be a stranger; and second, above all else, continue marching to that iconoclastic tune. ■

Martha Fenty: Friend and Officemate

Jacqueline Shrader, Human Services Department

What a pleasure it is for me to write about Martha Fenty! She and I were office mates for several years, managing very happily over those years to make our work environment very comfortable, pleasant and happy.

Indeed, the office is not the same place now that she has retired. But Martha left me with great memories of her — not just of Professor Fenty, the teacher known to countless appreciative students, but also of Martha, the person known so well to her friends.

Martha is committed and caring. Her students sensed that from the very beginning of each semester. She was one of those teachers who went to sporting events, school plays, music performances, etc. — to see her students. And, years later, those students would stop by to visit Mrs. Fenty.

Martha is creative. At least twice since I've known her Martha has planned and choreographed a one-woman show which she performed at the Roberson Center. The shows were for the benefit of a service sorority of which she is a member. Martha memorized a great deal of poetry, selected the musicians, lighting experts, sound technicians, etc. — and the community was all the richer for her efforts and talent.

Martha is athletic. She's a very competitive racquetball and tennis player. Proudly, she has been the club champion in her age group. That trophy means a great deal to her — as well it ought. I, of course, avoided ever playing anything against her!

Martha is devout. It is her faith that keeps her centered. And, being centered is a gift to her colleagues, students and family.

Martha is family oriented. Her family — husband David, son Scott, and daughter Maria — is a prime focus in her life. It is for them, with them, and/or because of them, that she does much of what she does.

Martha is fun. We have lots of reason to laugh. She has a wonderful sense of humor and we find that those qualities can shed brightness on a difficult day.

And so, a little bit about Martha's qualities. What a pleasure it has been to be her officemate — to have known Mrs. Fenty, the teacher and Martha, the friend. ■



Martha Fenty (center) helps two students prepare for their speeches.

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more lighthearted. Beneath his sober, task-focused patina is a merry man whose humor frequently lights up our workplace and lifts our spirits. Storyteller, bluegrass aficionado, performing arts enthusiast, engaged citizen, student of American folk arts and folkways, a man, paraphrasing Dickens, who knows how to keep holidays, Roger is fully alive — curious, gregarious, multi-faceted.

While Roger will continue to teach part-time (his retirement letter referenced a "change of working status," not retirement), we shall miss his larger presence and I, in particular, will feel the loss. I have come to count on Roger for many things which, over the years, have become routinized, though never simple.

In semi-retirement Roger will have more time to spoil his grandchildren, wash his cars, clean his pool, travel, chase fire engines, put up Halloween and Christmas decorations, continue his community service work with Sertoma and the United Way — and who knows what else.

His colleagues and I congratulate Roger on a fine career, thank him for enriching our personal and professional lives, and wish him well in his present and future endeavors. ■



Angelo Zuccolo in his green room, surrounded by posters of past productions.

Alumni Support Students Pursuing Nontraditional Careers

Raquel R. Robinson, Director of Sponsored Programs

The growing demand for skilled high-tech labor has opened many opportunities for BCC graduates.

Broome and surrounding counties have not escaped the national trend of labor shortages in computer science, nursing and other technologies. To help address this shortage, the United States Department of Education has identified recruitment into nontraditional occupations and employment as an educational priority. The priority is supported by the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Act of 1998 (also referred to as Perkins III). Nontraditional careers refer to employment in an occupation or fields of work where individuals of one gender comprise less than 25 percent of the workforce in the occupation. For example, computer studies, communications, and engineering are nontraditional careers for women. Nursing and early childhood development are considered nontraditional careers for men.

Consistent with the US Department of Education, BCC is implementing a project to enhance recruitment and support for students pursuing nontraditional occupations in Communication & Media Arts, Computer Technology, Engineering Science, and Nursing. The goal of "Outreach to Nontraditional Careers" is to provide nontraditional students with enhanced opportunities to explore vocational education opportunities at BCC that may not occur through traditional recruiting activities. In addition, the College provides services and resources to nontraditional students to foster further exploration into their career choice. These activities include early introduction to faculty, alumni, academic advisors, informational sessions, peer mentors and mentors from selected occupations.

Mike Carra, Assistant Director of Admissions, is the project director. Elaine Costello, Staff Assistant, implements recruitment efforts with special emphasis

on recruiting women into Communication & Media Arts, Computer Technology and Engineering Science. Enhanced efforts are also used to recruit men into nursing.

Enrolling and continuing students also receive support from BCC's Advisement, Counseling, and Career Exploration Services Center (ACCESS Center) to further ensure their academic success. Students are matched with peer mentors and introduced to professionals, including BCC alumni employed in

that she found "meeting with other women in the program" very helpful.

The key to this initiative is helping students envision themselves in their chosen careers. This includes helping them identify and overcome obstacles to their success, particularly those associated with gender. Mentoring is a significant component of the program and one that is of great benefit to students.

"Outreach to Nontraditional



Hardware Engineer, Latanya Bibbins, and Systems Engineer, Adanne Chuku, of BAE (British Aerospace Systems), address a group of non-traditional Computer Technology students in the BCC ACCESS Center.

nontraditional careers. Last December BCC hosted an information session for women interested in computer studies. Sondra Foreman, BCC Computer Technology faculty, along with hardware engineer Latanya Bibbins and systems engineer Adanne Chuku of British Aerospace Systems spoke with students about opportunities in the field. Students were able to ask questions about educational requirements, work environments, and earning potential in high-skill technical positions. In response to the program evaluation question, "What was most helpful about this session?" student comments include, "finding out what is out there for the future," and "information that each presenter provided concerning the details of her work." One student indicated

"Careers" is one of six major efforts funded by the New York State Department of Education as part of the Perkins III (Carl D. Perkins) grant. The College received \$244,000 for the 2000-2001 grant cycle to implement projects to recruit and support students enrolled in vocational and technical programs. ♦

BCC is looking for Communication, Computer Technology, Engineering Science and Nursing alumnae (particularly those employed in careers non-traditional to their gender) with an interest in mentoring or presenting at a student information session. Call Mike Carra, Assistant Director of Admissions, at 607 778-5001, or Raquel R. Robinson, Director of Sponsored Programs, at 778-5193, for more information.

Foundation Succeeds Thanks to Support of Volunteers and Friends

Cory Jacobs, Community Relations Coordinator

The BCC Foundation is in the midst of another successful campaign year. Thanks to our special donors and volunteers, the Foundation will continue to provide BCC with valuable resources and equipment to help both students and faculty perform their best. New scholarship and endowment funds continue to be established to ensure the brightest future for the College.

During 2000, the Foundation proudly elected to the Board of Directors: Patricia Cummings, Esq., O'Connor, Gacioch, Pope & Tait, LLP; Richard D'Attilio, Broome County Industrial Development Agency; Peter McGinn, CEO, United Health Services; and Glenn Small, President, Southern Division M&T Bank. We are very excited about this year's Board of Directors and are looking forward to working with this fine group of community leaders. Officers reelected to the 2000-2001 Board of Directors are: Lawrence Rouff, DDS, President; Gerald Putman, Vice President; Beverly Majka, Secretary; Lawrence Schorr, Treasurer; and Terri Webb, Assistant Treasurer.

In addition to the Board of Directors, the BCC Foundation has a wonderful group of volunteers who work hard every year on behalf of the Foundation. This past September, we welcomed 13 new members: Robert Cronin, Patricia Cummings, Esq., Kathleen Davis (DH '85), David DeSantis, Donald Franck, Doris Getty, Toni Lasorte, Ronald Lesch (BT '67), Peter McGinn, Kathleen Morris, Judy Opp (BCBB '85), Kristina Ryan, and Debbie Wilson (BC '79). Our volunteers are active members of the community, who not only assist us with our Annual Fund, but spread the word about all the wonderful things the Foundation and BCC have to offer. Without our volunteers, the BCC Foundation would not be able to help as many students as it does today. (If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact the Foundation office at 607 778-5182.)

We count on our volunteers to help with our Corporate and Community Friend campaigns by getting in touch with our loyal donors every year. It's always nice to have a personal call in addition to our annual letter! Terri Webb, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Crowley Foods, is the Corporate Campaign Chair this year. Terri is also a member of the Foundation's Board of Directors. Terri's enthusiasm for the campaign has proven to be an effective catalyst for our volunteers! Brian Mather BT '60, owner of the Brian K. Mather Agency, is this year's Community Friend Campaign Chair. As a BCC alumnus, Brian knows firsthand what a great start BCC gives to its students. Brian just joined the Foundation as a member last year and was so wonderful with the campaign then that we asked him to chair it this year! Brian, a county legislator from Vestal, is an active community leader and will be an asset to this year's Community Friend Campaign.

The BCC Foundation's mission is to raise private support for BCC and its students. Last year, the Foundation helped over 600 students achieve their educational goals. In addition, gifts to the BCC Foundation helped faculty upgrade their skills and provided new equipment and support for innovative campus projects. Through the years, the Foundation has funded computers, instructional equipment and aids, library books and subscriptions, athletic equipment, and musical instruments. In addition, the College carillon, bus shelter and the stone sign at the campus entrance are also projects that have been funded by the Foundation.

Another adventure the BCC Foundation has embarked on is our first website. We hope it will be a useful resource for alumni, students, faculty, and community members alike. Our site features successful BCC grads, updates on the Foundation's many projects, planned giving tips, and so much more. We have a link from BCC's main page at www.sunybroome.edu — just click on the "BCC Foundation" link! ♦

Alumni Affairs Office Welcomes New Director

Michele McFee will be building bridges with BCC alumni in her new position as Director of Alumni Affairs. By planning creative events, revamping the web page so it becomes a vital link, and expanding the coverage of alumni affairs in letters and publications, she will make it easier than ever for alumni to stay in touch with their Broome Community College family.

Michele will also serve as the liaison between the Alumni Association and the College, helping the association plan programs that support Broome and its alumni. She hopes to make people comfortable and excited about returning to campus or an alumni-sponsored community event. Putting people in touch with former professors, previous classmates and college and community resources are also a priority of the office.

In her recent position at Binghamton University, she wrote *The Cornerstone: A History of Harpur College*, 50 years of events and stories for alumni, a great preparation for the BCC job. Now targeting Broome, the new half-time position will allow her to encourage alumni with programs and

contacts from her office at 211 Wales.

Michele commutes from Bainbridge where her husband and 4 children keep her busy at school sporting events. Her own interest in local history inspired her to write *Limestone Locks and Overgrowth: the Rise and Descent of the Chenango Canal* in 1993 and *A Long Haul: The Story of the Barge Canal* in 1998. She earned a B.S. degree from Michigan State University and serves part-time as communications assistant for the Upstate History Alliance, a non-profit museum service organization based in Oneonta.

On Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, you can reach Michele on campus; she encourages people to contact her with ideas for events and communications. To receive the most current BCC news, be sure to contact Michele when you move, get married or change jobs.

You can reach her at: BCC Office of Alumni Affairs, PO Box 1017, Binghamton, NY 13902; phone 607 778-5477, or e-mail: mcfee_m@sunybroome.edu ♦



Michele McFee

New Decker Scholarship Grant Assists BCC Health Science Students

Broome Community College Foundation Executive Director Dr. Judy U. Siggins announced a major grant from the Dr. G. Clifford and Florence B. Decker Foundation of Binghamton. The \$500,000 grant will establish a scholarship and grant-in-aid endowment to assist students interested in pursuing careers in the health sciences.

The grant will endow 10 existing Decker Foundation annual merit scholarships for high achievers in the health sciences; it will add three recruitment scholarships for two years of support at BCC for outstanding local high school graduates, and provide 20 grants in aid to assist students with need-based support to pursue health science degrees.

With this newest grant, the BCC Foundation now has well over \$7 million of endowed and trust assets restricted for student scholarships and grants in aid. Over 600 students are helped annually through these endowed funds and annual grants to the Foundation, and, we are happy to say, that number is increasing.

The Dr. G. Clifford and Florence B. Decker Foundation has been a major supporter of the health sciences at BCC. Their outright grant of \$500,000 to the BCC Foundation in 1989, along with a challenge grant of \$500,000, was pivotal in securing private support that led to state and county appropriations to build a new health science center on campus, named for the Deckers. It opened in 1998.

In 1995 another outright grant and a challenge grant from the Decker Foundation totaling \$650,000, helped the Foundation raise another \$1.2 million to provide new, state of the art instructional equipment for the Center. Students from all over the U.S., Canada, and Central America have been attracted to this wonderful facility to prepare for careers in Nursing, Dental Hygiene, Radiologic Technology (X ray), Medical Transcription, Medical Laboratory Technology, Medical Assisting, and Physical Therapy Assisting. The newest program to be housed in the Decker Health Science Center is the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)/Paramedic program. ♦

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House and adopting a family at Christmas through the Southern Tier Volunteer Organization.

They have also provided to our community health fairs in area nursing homes, psychiatric centers and elementary schools, striving to promote health and wellness.

- At the 30th annual conference of the Middle Atlantic Career Counseling Association in Lancaster, PA, Joe Spence, Assistant Counselor, was elected to a second term as treasurer of MACCA. Joe also received the 2000 Outstanding Member award for contributions to MACCA and the field of career development.

Mary McCarthy, Counselor, was named to yet another term as a MACCA Member at Large representing the State of New York.

- Greg Talley, associate professor and chair of the Criminal Justice Department, wrote a New York supplement to an introductory text for criminal justice this summer. The supplement, published and just released by Wadsworth/Thompson Learning, covers current information on crime as well as historical and current views of law, police, corrections, courts, and juvenile justice in New York.
- The Corporate Challenge 2000 was held on August 3 at the MacArthur School Track in Binghamton. BCC won the championship trophy for the

Medium Division.

BCC's team did well in all the events — the 5K Road Race, the Predicted Mile and the Relay Races — earning the total points necessary to win the trophy.

The following faculty and staff members participated in the Corporate Challenge and contributed to the overall team effort: Pat Williams, Robert Woods, Judy Watson, Cheryl Trick, Dirk Elliott, Deborah Spanfelner, Marilyn Moyer, Alan Bennett, Regina Kelley, Kathleen Giblin, Brenda Artman, Francis and Helen Battisti, Elizabeth and Tom Carter, Keith Cotroneo, Kathy Curry, Karan Drum, Brendan Flynn, Karen Goodman, Alan Katz, and John McCauley. ♦

CALLING ALL ALUMNI!

The Foundation is still hard at work on the 2000-2001 annual campaign and will be contacting alumni in the coming months. There is no greater gift to a college than support from its alumni. Please give a little back to the institution that helped you get where you are today. Join your fellow alumni in contributing to the alumni campaign; remember how much you appreciated the College's support when you were enrolled. Your support really counts.

ALUMNI ON THE MOVE

1980s

Christopher L. Augustini '85 was recently named chief financial officer of the Georgetown University Law Center.

Cathy Jo Johnson '86, recently married Haden A. Land, is now VP of Clinical Operations for the United Methodist Homes.

1990s

Kimberly Neville '90 became Mrs. Michael Gilly in May, 2000. She is also currently studying nursing at Corning Community College.

Jawairriya Abdullah Shahid '90 is Educational Director of Rainbow School in Binghamton and pursuing PhD studies at BU.

Donnina Ioannisci '91 went to Italy after her BCC graduation to study Italian. She recently completed her Master's degree at Binghamton University.

Tahirah Clark '91 graduated recently from Albany School of Law.

Naemah Howell '91 is currently working at the Martin Luther King Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles.

Yaminah McClendon '93 is currently a social worker for the NYS Board of Education.

Kay Zaharis '95 continued on to SUNY Albany for a BA in Information Science and a Master's in Library Science. She is currently an archivist for an IBM archives project in Kingston.

Nicola Ioannisci '95, received his Bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina and is now a junior civil engineer at McFarland-Johnson, Inc. in Binghamton.

Klarissa Spencer '95 is a 3rd and 4th grade teacher at Rainbow School in Binghamton.

John P. Burns '97 is a photojournalist for the ABC and NBC stations in Ft. Myers, Florida.

If you have news — marriage, promotion, achievement, etc. — for Alumni on the Move, please let us know about it!

Your news:

Submitted by:

Your Name:

Degree:

Graduation Year:

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■ Highlights ■

"Giving of the Toys" 2000

Last December, the 5th Annual "Giving of the Toys" event was held in the Quad. The campus contributed over two truckloads of Toys for Tots contributions during this most popular of Student Activities events.

Music, Santa, hot chocolate...AND, the Student Government officials dressed as reindeer to collect the toys.

Above, left to right, students Krista Martinkovic, Nick Libous, and Nicole Almy.

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Center in Washington, D.C. in partnership with Mobil Oil. Brunelli was one of 75 noted and emerging artists represented in the program and one of only three to attend the tour's premiere at the Museum of Fine Art in Hanoi, Vietnam. The tour also included Beijing, Singapore, and Jakarta among other Asian cities.

"I am particularly pleased that BCC bought this painting," said Brunelli. "Most of my major scenes of Binghamton are in out-of-town private collections. Now, one of my paintings will be on public display in my hometown."

"Lackawanna Morning" hangs in the main foyer of the Darwin Wales Administration Building.

Although BCC does have the unique advantage of displaying an original Brunelli, prints of his work are beginning to appear in local commercial settings and on many living room walls — and a complete set of photoreproductions of his local scenes decorates the Park Diner on Binghamton's Conklin Avenue. (The Garland Gallery is exclusive area distributor for Brunelli prints.)

Brunelli's education includes time at Columbus College of Art and Design, a semester at BCC, and his B.F.A. in painting and drawing from Binghamton University. "I've appreciated my



Admiring details of "Lackawanna Morning" are (l. to r.) Judy Siggins, Executive Director of the BCC Foundation, and Admissions Office staff members Gioia Hill and Sue Kollar.

education so much and I learned from so many people ... maybe it's time to start giving back," said Brunelli about his decision to teach this semester at BCC.

His spring semester course, "Perspective Drawing" which stresses creation of the representational image using perspective, color, texture, and light, is ideal for one of the major photo-realism painters working today. Obviously, the course was a quick sellout once the celebrated artist was announced as the teacher.

Community members will also have a chance to get in on the Brunelli Year at BCC via two special Community Education programs.

On March 24 a Master Class with Brunelli is being offered to

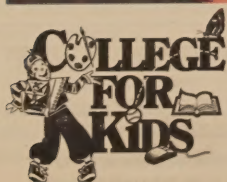
area artists. The all-day class will include lecture, demonstration, and critiques of participant work.

On March 15, Brunelli will host a special dinner program at the College to show slides and commentary of his travels to Southeast Asia (the subject of so much of his recent work).

(Remaining tickets for both the Master Class and the Dinner Evening may still be available; call 778-5012.)

College President Donald Dellow is enthusiastic about the College's partnership with Brunelli. "He's obviously a gifted young man on his way to international fame. We're very fortunate that he is developing his relationship with us; we hope it continues for many years." ♦

"College for Kids" Program Continues to Draw Large Numbers



Each summer, the College's Community Education office offers dozens of courses for children. Last summer's "College for Kids" program included over 40 classes offered to 84 seven to nine year olds, 82 ten- to twelve-year-olds, and 40 teenagers.

Courses included science and sports camps, arts classes, and computer courses.

Parents interested in the Summer 2001 program can have their names put on the mailing list by calling 778-5012.